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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above amendment and the following remarks accompany a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, and are in reply to the final Office action of 06/12/06. In light thereof, reconsideration and further examination of this application are respectfully requested.

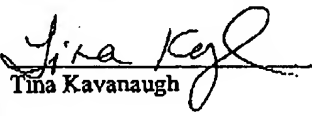
Eighteen claims (13-30) were pending in this application. In the above amendment, two independent claims (13 and 18) were amended and two new independent claims (31 and 32) were added. Accordingly, 20 claims (13-32) are now pending in this application.

In Section 1 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-20 and 25-30 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda et al. (US5838412)

In Section 2 of the Office action, the Examiner rejected claims 22-24 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (US5838400A) [*sic* – believed to be Ueda et al., US5838412 above], as applied to claims 13-21 and 25-29 above, in view of Kiyono et al. (US4705959A).

In light of the above amendments to independent claims 13 and 18, it is respectfully submitted that the above rejections are now moot. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that none of the art of record teaches or suggests the limitations of independent claims 13, 18, 31 and 32, and accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 13-32 are allowable over the art of record. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If there are any questions regarding this reply, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

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